Commissioner Due To Open ISD Hearing

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Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau is expected to be the first witness at a State Senate hearing called today to determine whether an independent investigation of the police department's Inspectional Services Divsion is necessary.

The ISD has been accused of spying and keeping dossiers on newsmen, elected officials and clergymen.

Mr. Pomerleau has denied any wrongdoing by the ISD but the Senate's Constitutional and Public Law Committee will seek to determine through questioning whether in fact there are grounds for a full-scale look into the secret division's activities.

List Could Swell

The committee plans to call about 12 witnesses but, according to Senator Edward T. Conroy (D., Prince Georges, 24th), chairman of the new constitutional committee, the list of witnesses could swell.

"Anyone that can bring information of a credible nature to this committee will be welcome to testify. We are not going to limit ourselves to a prepared list," he said.

Mr. Conroy said that senators who wanted to participate in the hearing but who were not members of the committee would be allowed to offer questions to the interrogating panel.

Senator Verda F. Welcome (D., city 40th), the author of a resolution issued last week which called for an independent investigation of ISD, was to open the three-hour hearing with an introductory statement concerning the intelligence unit's activities.

Norton And Rawlings

Maj. Bernard Norton, who has headed ISD since 1970, is n the witness list, but was not expected to appear today. Maj. William Rawlings, currently the head of the department's Internal Investigation Division and until 18 months ago head of the intelligence branch of ISD, also is on the witness lsit.

Aside from police officials the list incldes the follwong persons who were believed to the suject of secret surveillance by the Police Department:

Representative Parren J. Mitcheli (D., 7th Md.', State Senator Clarence W. Mitchell (D., City 38th', Al Sanders, a reporter for WJZ-TV, Arthur

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W. Geiselamn, a ofrmer reporter for WBAL-TV and earlier a reporter for the Evening Sun, Rev. Vernon F. Dobson, the pastor Union Baptist Church and a commentator for WBAL-TV, and Russ Johnson, a former broadcaster at radio station WEBB.

Other Listed

Others on the witness list, but who will not testify, are Michael Tlesker and Joe Nawrozki, investigative reporters for the New American. William G. Carrier, a Baltimore attorney who defended Liddy Jones, the convicted narcotics dealer, in a drug case last month, also is on the list.

There were reports that Mr. Carrier complained that Leonard Jenoff, a man working for Liddy Jones's attorneys, was an informant for ISD. Mr. Carrier never produced evidence to substantiate the charge.

Mr. Conroy said that he and the committee were prepared to conduct a thorough investigation despite criticism that the body had done little to orientate itself to the full scope of the charges.

"I am not from Baltimore but I read *The Sun*," Mr. Conroy said. "I also read the editorials.

"Senator (Cornell N.) Dypski (D., city 47th) is on the committee and the senators from Baltimore county are close to the situation.

"Most of the committee will be prepared; they'll know what questions to ask," he said.